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Thank you, Madam President

Universal Health Coverage is one of the key pillars of prevention, preparedness, and response to future pandemics. It is an important step towards achieving health equity and reducing inequalities.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented disruption in the provision of essential health services and pushed millions in a more health precarious situation. So one of the many lessons from the pandemic is a reinvigorated focus on promoting UHC.

Providing Universal Health Coverage is a key national priority and central component of Pakistan's National Health Vision (2016-25) to leave no one behind.

Pakistan welcomes the important initiatives taken by WHO in strengthening UHC with a focus on strengthening national capacity building.

We remain committed to timely completion of several ongoing projects and appreciate the support provided by WHO, through both its regional office and country office.

We also wish to iterate our support for WHO to achieve the target of one billion more people enjoying better health and well-being (Billion 3) by 2025.

I thank you